



# Dorothy Downing and Fashion

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THIS IS HOUSTON, This is Boomtown, USA. A city of oil, and of cattle . . . a city of industry. A city that boasts more millionaires, percentage-wise, than any other . . . a city that will have a million people by July . . .

Houston is not only a city of size and tremendous wealth; Houston, Texas is a city of sophisticates.

The world-famous Shamrock Hotel, where this reporter hung her blossom-bedecked chapeau for the past seven days, lives up, in every way, to its slogan: "America's Magnificent Hotel." The plush Emerald Room presented the Carmen Miranda show to some of the nation's smartest dressed women.

The silhouette that is most frequently seen in a town where milady can well afford to change a wardrobe as often as a mood, is that of the bouffant. Highly endorsed was the high-in-front, lo-in-back fashion for after-five festivities. The skirts, of course, are all worn over many layers of can-can petticoats. For romantic nights under the famous Texas moon, stark white was the most popular and prettiest color. Running a close second—primrose. Only occasionally did black "outsmart" the pastels, so dearly loved by the Southern belle.

Houston society was a-buzzin' this week over the River Oaks National Tennis Meet. River Oaks enjoys the reputation of being one of the nation's swankiest country clubs, and all the sports-minded elite turned out to watch the country's top players compete for honors. Tony Trabert and Vic Seixas, finalist in the U. S. Men's Singles last year drew a large crowd on Monday. The female enthusiasts didn't allow even the hot Texas sun to dampen their spirits or spoil their appearance.

It was a day of linen, always best in pastels. Again white was a fashion "big," again the coral and pink tones vied for first place. Honey-beige had a spot of its own, so flattering when accessorized with a copper-toned tan, the smartest of these spectator sports fashions were slim "n tapered and strategically detailed to provide a softly curved silhouette. WHITE from head to toe looked smart. WHITE sharply accented with gleaming black patent, again good news. WHITE escorted by pink shербert is an up-coming combination that was delightful to behold. An attention-getter was a white cord coat, lined in pink and white checks (column straight, of course) worn over a sleeveless sheath of matching checks.

Yes, the eyes of Texas and all the world are on this ever-growing city of the South. An enviable spirit, coupled with enviable prosperity make it, without a doubt, one of the nation's most fashion-conscious centers.

From here, tonight to Dallas, and then double back to seaport city of Galveston. May 1 and 2 in Galveston for their highly publicized "Splash Day." Much fun and frolic is enjoyed on these two days that herald the opening of the "Sun and Swim" season . . . so widely known has it become in the past decade that it attracts tourists from the nation over.

## Local Man to Wed H.C. Miss

Jack Ronald Garland, son of Mrs. Ruth Garland, 1308 Crenshaw Blvd., will claim a Harbor City miss as his bride next fall.

The bride-elect is Miss Mariam Jean Hamilton, daughter of the Wilbert Hamiltons, 1528 W. 251st St. Engagement was revealed to members of both families Easter Sunday at a dinner in the Hamilton home.

Miss Hamilton, a 1951 graduate of Narbonne High School, currently is employed with the Los Angeles Police Department.

Garland, who graduated from Torrancia High School in 1951, is with the Union Oil Co. He served two years, including several months in Korea, with the National Guard.

## 19 Cubs of Pack 953-C Get Awards

John Tucker, Cubmaster, presented 35 awards to Cub Scouts in Pack 953-C Friday evening last week at the monthly meeting, held at Perry School. Nineteen boys came to the platform with their parents to receive the awards.

Two new members of the Pack, David Smith and Doug Jackson, received bobcat pins. Wolf badges were awarded to Jimmy Randall, Gregor Boell, Norman Wagner, Billy Mangia, Randy Mack, Ernest Shockley, and Dick Mahon.

Earning bear badges were Boell, David Warden, John Hamilton, Leonard Bessinger, and Terry Dotson, while receiving a lion badge was Leonard Burton.

## PACIFIC HILLS GROUP SLATES MAY DANCE

Pacific Hills Home Owners Association has set Saturday, May 15, as the date for its next dance. Mrs. Ralph Farber, publicity chairman, reported this week.

Event will be held at the VFW Hall in Lomita, with Marty Baums' band providing dance music. In charge of arrangements is George Davies.

# The Social World

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WHIPPING KITS INTO SHAPE. . . for their first try at door-to-door soliciting tomorrow are volunteers in the Sister Kenny Polio Drive, left to right, seated, Mesdames John N. Voorhees, section chairman for central Torrance; H. J. Osborne, city chairman; John Kingsley, section chairman for Seaside

Ranchos, Sepulveda and Allied Gardens, and Victoria Terrace; standing, left to right, Mesdames Tim Romero, section chairman for Torrance Gardens and Plaza; Richard McDonald, division chairman for North Torrance and George Powell, division chairman for southwest Torrance, including Walteria and Hollywood Riviera. (Herald photo)

## Local Women to Begin Polio Drive Tomorrow

With \$2000 as their goal, many Torrance women will start knocking on doors tomorrow to raise funds locally for the Sister Kenny Polio Drive.

The volunteers, headed by Mrs. H. J. Osborne, will continue the campaign throughout the month of May, asking for contributions from their neighbors, clubs and organizations, business houses and industries.

"Actually," Mrs. Osborne said, "the \$2000 we are hoping to raise here is only a small part of the total 1954 campaign goal, which is \$425,000. This money will be used primarily for clinical research, out-patient clinics, therapist training scholarships, and expansion of services at the Sister Kenny Hospital in El Monte.

"The 1150 Torrance citizens gave last year," the chairman continued, "was added to funds raised in other areas to purchase three respirators, remodel the hospital and open a new wing, increasing the bed capacity from 65 to 116."

Four division chairmen and club and organizations chairmen are Mrs. Osborne's chief assistants in charting the campaign.

Handling the drive in central Torrance is Mrs. A. F. R. Ewalt; in North Torrance the division leader is Mrs. Richard McDonald; in charge of Southwest Torrance, which includes Hollywood Riviera and Walteria, is Mrs. George Powell; and chairman for Northwest Torrance, comprising the Crenshaw Blvd. and Madrid Ave. areas near Torrance Blvd., is Mrs. E. E. Clayton.

Mrs. Hugh Bowman is directing the drive among clubs and organizations, and Mrs. Osborne has the responsibility of contacting business houses and industries as well as co-ordinating the campaign as a whole. Section chairmen assisting are Mesdames John N. Voorhees, central Torrance; Tim Romero, Torrance Gardens and Plaza; John Kingsley, Seaside Ranchos, Sepulveda Gardens, Allied Gardens, and Victoria Terrace; and J. Walker, North Torrance.

## Painting, Craftwork Offer Expression For Creative Urge

Out on S. Meyler St., corner of 213th St., a woman is busy working herself out of her tiny trailer home.

She is Mrs. Irene Campbell, and her home is filled with crocheted and knitted objects, jewelry, lamp shades, leather work, water colors, pastels, and oil paintings, all of which she has done herself.

She's still busy with each own imagination. For colors, craft, but her mind often strays she uses only the basic yellow,



ARTIST AT WORK . . . Mrs. Irene Campbell, 22313 Meyler St., takes paint brush in hand to complete murals on the walls of her tiny trailer home. (Herald photo)



HOBBIES GALORE . . . The large landscape oil Mrs. Irene Campbell, 22313 Meyler St., is only one of the many works of art she will enter in the annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show to be held at the Civic Auditorium May 21, 22, 23. She also will submit for judging the crocheted lace table cloth, knitted afghan, lamp, and some of the jewelry pictured above. (Herald photo)

red, and blue (and of course black and white), relying on her sense of harmony to mix other hues.

"I try to paint what is beautiful," Mrs. Campbell said. "Art should be beautiful to look at and should bring happiness into someone's life."

As for the modern, surrealist type of art, Mrs. Campbell has no use for it. "It isn't a part of everyday life," she said, "and art should be a mirror of reality. We can't know what the artist is feeling at the moment he paints such a picture, and rarely does it give a feeling of happiness when we look at it."

Although painting is her first love, Mrs. Campbell still knits and crochets, picked up jewelry making last year, learned to create lamp shades and do leather craft, all in the past few years. Her favorite in the knitting line is a colorful afghan of wool and nylon; best-loved crocheted work is a delicate lace tablecloth; and in the field of jewelry "my opals are my favorite."

She will exhibit these pieces, along with an oil landscape, billfold of unborn calf-skin, and striking lamp shade, at the Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show.

Although she does not plan on displaying any specimen blooms or arrangements in the flower division, gardening is another of this busy woman's loves. "I used to grow all sorts of plants, making it one of my main hobbies, until I became ill and had to find a hobby I could do sitting down," she said.

Mrs. Campbell's other loves, fishing and dancing, she also has had to curtail because of ill health. But she still does all her own canning—from 300 to 400 quarts of fruit, vegetables, and meats each year, finds time to play with the two dogs, Toppy and Tipsey, and to have occasional visits to her daughter in Compton, Mrs. J. C. Dawson, who uses the creative energy inherited from her mother in china painting and ceramics.

In between, Mrs. Campbell manages to do most of her own dressmaking and outfit her two grandchildren, Sandra Jo, who is seven, and James Brady, who is five. "I usually buy a pattern for the clothes," she said, "then I change it around to suit myself. Whatever I do, I like to have to put something of myself into it."

Mrs. Campbell's husband, a retired carpenter and cabinet maker, encourages rather than frowns on her creative urge. He builds all her worktables and painting easels and adds to the beauty of the finished art by building all her walnut and mahogany frames.

## North City PTA to Give Bouquet to Room Moms

Approximately 132 room mothers will be honored next Thursday, May 6, when North Torrance PTA sponsors a dinner at 6:30 p.m. at McMaster Hall.

Receiving special tribute at the festivities will be Mrs. Charles Stauffer, room mother chairman, and her assistant, Mrs. Mike Perello.

Spring flowers and pastel candles will be employed in table decorations to carry out the theme of the event, "Bouquet to Room Mothers." Mrs. T. O. Rogers, publicity chairman, reported. Each guest will receive a nosegay of flowers as a token of the day.

Mothers, children, and teachers from the school will provide musical entertainment after dinner, Mrs. Francis Stoelcke, program chairman and president of the Association, reported.

Mrs. Joe Tardaglia heads the committee planning the spring social, similar to last year's tea which featured "Hats off to Room Moms" as its theme. Decorations are in the hand of Mrs. Peter Bruce, while Mesdames Ted Kelly and Robert Payne are in charge of refreshments.

Sharing hostess honors will be Mrs. Clarke Harris, hospitality chairman, and her assistant, Mrs. Duane Sherwood, while issuing invitations are Mesdames

away from her work to the calendar, her eyes on May 15, the deadline for entering the annual Hobby, Arts, and Flower Show, to be staged at the Civic Auditorium May 21, 22 and 23.

"I've always wanted to paint but never seemed to find the time. I was a little scared, too, because the only instruction I ever had in art was in grade school.

"Then last May I read an ad in the paper about the numbered painting kits—you've all seen them—and went out and bought one. I painted like fury, covering each of the numbered areas with the corresponding paint number. Then I looked at the result—with a lot of disappointment.

"I was disappointed first of all because in painting the picture I had done nothing more than follow directions. And I've always hated following a set rule about anything, wanting always to express my individuality. Besides, I thought I could have done better using my own imagination with one hand tied behind my back."

"So Mrs. Campbell dug out a picture of a hunter and a deer which she had been saving and copied it. The result was more pleasing and I got carried-away with the idea, painting every day as if it were the last one I'd have!"

The amateur artist likes doing landscapes best of all, particularly those of the desert, and paints mostly out of her

## Public Invited To Card Party

The public is invited to the annual card party of the Women's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, to be held Wednesday, May 5, at the parish hall, 1432 Engracia Ave., according to Mrs. Alma Smith, chairman.

Play in bridge, pinoche, and canasta, will begin at 8 p.m., and prizes will be awarded for top scores in each game, she said. Refreshments will be served by members of St. Cecilia's Guild.

## MOMS HOLD PARTY

Officers of Mrs. Rose Schmidt, retiring president, received a gift for their service when the DeMolay Mothers Circle held its semi-annual installation dinner recently at The Palms.

Approximately 30 members attended the affair; Juanita Thompson, publicity chairman reported.



SPRING NOSEGAYS . . . are being fashioned of colorful blooms and lacy dollies for the North Torrance PTA's room mother dinner by, left to right, Mesdames I. D. Isaacson,

W. R. Towell, Ralph Gastelum, Bernard Snitzer, J. H. Cortez, Peter Bruce. Event, which has "Bouquet to Room Mothers" as its theme, will begin at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday, May 6, at McMaster Hall. (Herald photo)